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Committee of the Whole

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Plenary

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Security Council

Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009) concerning Somalia and Eritrea

10:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 7

1. Mid-term update by the Coordinator of the Somalia and Eritrea Monitoring Group, in accordance with paragraph 31 of resolution 2244 (2015)
2. Other matters

Military Staff Committee

11:00 to 13:30 1846th meeting (closed) Conference Room 8

1. Counter-terrorism (Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO))
2. Awareness and understanding, integration, leadership, compliance and support: briefing by the Office for the Peacekeeping Strategic Partnership (OPSP)

Economic and Social Council

Committee of Experts on Public Administration
Fifteenth session

10:00 to 11:30 9th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 6

Promoting innovation and excellence in public services for sustainable development: review of the United Nations Public Service Awards

General discussion

11:30 to 13:00 Review and adoption of the draft report

15:00 to 18:00 10th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 6

Provisional agenda for the sixteenth session of the Committee [item 4]

Closing of the fifteenth session

[For further information and to access the official documents of the session, please *click here*.]

Other meetings

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Event entitled "Enhanced Transparency and Participation to Catalyze National Climate Action" (co-organized by the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS), the Climate Action Network (CAN) and the World Resource Institute (WRI))

13:15 to 14:30 [webcast] Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact UN-NGLS (e-mail info@un-ngls.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3125); or click here.

Event entitled "Towards Nature-Based Solutions: Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change" (organized by the International Union for Conservation for Nature (IUCN), in collaboration with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS))

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kelsey Howard, IUCN (e-mail kelsey.howard@iucn; tel. 1 (212) 346-1163).

Event entitled "A Financial Roadmap to Bankable Projects in the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

15:15 to 16:30 Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Marlies van den Dungen, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (e-mail marlies-vanden.dungen@minbuza.nl; tel. 1 (212) 519-9520).

Announcements

High-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement

Friday, 22 April 2016

[webcast]

08:30	Opening ceremony	General Assembly Hall
09:55	Signing ceremony	General Assembly Hall
10:20 and 15:00		Trusteeship Council Chamber
	National statements of the States Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	
	[States beginning with the letters A to L]	
10:20 and 15:00		Economic and Social Council Chamber
	National statements of the States Parties to the to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	
	[States beginning with the letters M to Z]	
18:00	Closing ceremony	General Assembly Hall

Press conferences

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link
www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Monday, 25 April 2016

10:00 and 15:00 — Conference room 1

Informal consultations on the zero draft of the political declaration, as part of the preparatory process for the High-level meeting on HIV/AIDS. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 18 April 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

15:00 — Trusteeship Council Chamber

An informal meeting of the General Assembly on all issues relating to the Comprehensive High-level Mid-term Review of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 5 April and 19 April 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Tuesday, 26 April 2016

10:00 — General Assembly Hall

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the Chernobyl catastrophe, under sub-item (d) of agenda item 73 (Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 4 April 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Wednesday, 27 April 2016

10:00 — General Assembly Hall

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting to consider draft resolution A/70/L.43 (to be issued), submitted under agenda items 15 and 116 (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields; and Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit); and in a joint debate, agenda items 31 (Report of the Peacebuilding Commission) and 110 (Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund). The Assembly will also consider agenda item 7 (Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: third report of the General Committee A/70/250/Add.2 (to be issued)).

Fifth Committee
Second part of the resumed session

Monday, 2 May 2016

10:00 Conference Room 3

The status of preparedness of documentation has been issued in document A/C.5/70/L.33.

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including the status of documentation, as well as the tentative and provisional programme of work, will be available on the website of the Committee (www.un.org/en/ga/fifth/).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit any change or update to their official list of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers by sending a note verbale from their Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York and/or completing form A/INF/70/2 and sending it to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org; Room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Committee on Conferences
Organizational session for 2016

Monday, 25 April 2016

15:00 Conference Room 5

To elect the Bureau for 2016 and to adopt the annotated provisional agenda contained in document A/AC.172/2016/L.1, which includes an agenda item on the review of the proposed strategic framework for the period of 2018-2019 (A/71/6 (Prog.1)). For all relevant documents of the Committee, please *click here*.

The session will be PaperSmart. Official documentation of the session will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all official languages.

In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee on Conferences at its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as reflected in paragraphs 172 to 175 of A/54/32 (Supp), and amended in paragraph 10 of A/56/32 (Supp), non-members who wish to participate as observers in the organizational session are invited to send a request *in writing* to Ms. Liya Zhang, Secretary of the Committee on Conferences (e-mail zhangl@un.org).

Committee on Information
Thirty-eighth session

Tuesday, 26 April, to Friday, 6 May 2016 Conference Room 4

Member States wishing to inscribe their names for the General Debate on Tuesday, 26 and Wednesday, 27 April 2016, should please send an e-mail to committeeoninformation@un.org.

The afternoon of Tuesday, 26 April, will be devoted to an informal interactive session where the Under Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information will discuss matters relating to the Department with members of the Committee.

The thirty-eighth session of the Committee on Information is being served in a PaperSmart manner. The official documentation of the Committee will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all available official languages. Delegations and participants on the list of speakers are requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart3@un.org, *as soon as available*, and at least *one hour* in advance of their designated speaking slot and the email subject should include the entity name, meeting name and related agenda item. PDF format is preferred.

Delegations are kindly requested to provide 30 hard copies of the text for the technical services no later than *one hour* before delivery of the statement. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which it will be available to the public on the Portal.

Sixth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

Tuesday, 26 April 2016

10:00 Informal consultations (closed) Economic and Social Council Chamber

The open-ended informal consultations will be chaired by His Excellency E. Courtenay Rattray (Jamaica), in his capacity as the Chair-designate of the Sixth Biennial Meeting of States (BMS6) to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (to be held from Monday, 6, to Friday, 10 June 2016).

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

Working Group

Briefing

Wednesday, 27 April 2016

10:00 to 12:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The objective of the briefing is to raise the awareness on the situation of detained children in the occupied Palestinian territory, ahead of the next meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Invited speakers will be Ms. Sahar Francis, Director of Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association, and Mr. Khaled Quzmar, General Director of Defense for Children International-Palestine. Ms. Sarah Leah Whitson, Executive Director of Human Rights Watch's Middle East and North Africa Division, will be the moderator.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-sixth session

Monday, 6, to Friday, 24 June 2016

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information. The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least*

two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 20 May 2016*.

For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-700 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943); or by e-mail to contributions@un.org.

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

Open-ended informal consultative meetings

Monday, 25, to Friday, 29 April 2016 Conference Room 3

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/210 of 22 December 2015, the Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference circulated a letter to all Permanent Missions, dated 4 April 2016, containing the proposed programme for the informal consultative meetings. As this meeting is an informal one, no formal list of speakers will be maintained or opened for pre-inscription. Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, and representatives of intergovernmental organizations and major groups are invited to attend. The programme and detailed supporting concept notes can be consulted on the Conference website (please *click here*).

Security Council

Monday, 25 April 2016

10:00 Security Council Chamber

The Security Council will hold an open debate on "Piracy and armed robbery at sea in the Gulf of Guinea" in connection with the agenda item "Peace consolidation in West Africa".

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or e-mail, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

Monday, 20, to Wednesday, 22 June 2016 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), as set forth in paragraph 3 of resolution 1977 (2011), is currently conducting a Comprehensive Review on the status of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). In this connection,

the Chair of the 1540 Committee, His Excellency Román Oyarzun Marchesi, Permanent Representative of Spain, will convene formal open consultations of the Committee with Member States, relevant international and regional organizations, and appropriate sectors of civil society. Additional information will be provided in the near future.

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Informal briefing

Tuesday, 26 April 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 1

The Vice-President of the Council (Honduras) will hold an informal briefing with the representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council, on the second phase of the Council dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system. All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Cassandra Price Taveras, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail pricec@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1523).

Integration segment

Monday, 2, to Wednesday, 4 May 2016 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The integration segment (agenda item 8) will be chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Estonia). Pursuant to Council decision 2016/206, the theme for the segment is "Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through policy innovation and integration". The segment will include interactive panel discussions and dialogues. Additional information, including the draft programme and related side events is available on the website of the Council (*click here*) or contact Ms. Filipa Correia, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (e-mail correiaf@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8969).

The *general discussion of the segment* will be held on Monday, 2 May 2016, from 16:30 to 18:00, and on Wednesday, 4 May, from 12:00 to 13:00. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; Room S-1271)). *Inscriptions to the list of speakers will close by 17:00 of the preceding day.* The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is *seven minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *five minutes* for individual delegations.

For inclusion in the *list of participants*, delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the segment to the Secretary of the Council (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; Room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are further advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2016 session of the Council.

PaperSmart arrangement is available for the duration of the 2016 session of the Council. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal of the Council should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of

delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date and topic of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available in the PaperSmart portal after their delivery by delegations. To access the PaperSmart portal of the Council, please *click here*.

Special meeting on the impacts of the 2015/16 El Niño phenomenon: Reducing risks and capturing opportunities

Friday, 6 May 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/110, the President of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea) will convene the special meeting as an opportunity to discuss the socio-economic and environmental impacts of the 2015/16 El Niño phenomenon.

All are invited to attend. The concept note and programme are available on the website of the Council (*click here*). For further information, please contact Ms. Sibel Selcuk, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (e-mail selcuk@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5019).

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Fifteenth session

Monday, 9, to Friday, 20 May 2016 Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/C.19/2016/1, and the proposed organization of work is contained in document E/C.19/2016/L.1. Member States, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to send observers to the session are requested to communicate the composition of their delegations, in advance of the session, to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Only those observers who indicate their participation by *Wednesday, 27 April 2016*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis. For background and other related documents of the fifteenth session of the Forum, please visit the following Web site: www.un.org/indigenous. The fifteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will be served in a PaperSmart manner. The official documentation of the Forum will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all available official languages.

There will be no circulation of hard copies of documents. However, a print-on-demand service will be available, via which delegates can request for a hard copy at the PaperSmart Desk in the conference room, or by the print-on-demand option on the PaperSmart Portal. Delegates will be able to e-mail any document or statement to themselves from the Portal. No log in will be required to access the Portal. Delegations and participants are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meetings in order to access information and documents electronically.

The list of speakers *is open*. Member States and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for a particular item should contact the secretariat (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

Tuesday, 26 April 2016

15:00 to 18:00 2nd meeting (closed) Conference Room 8

Voting to select laureates

Kindly confirm your participation to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org). All member delegations are invited to attend.

United Nations Forum on Forests
Twelfth session

Monday, 25 April 2016

09:30 to *10:00* Conference Room 2

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2016/214, the United Nations Forum on Forests will hold the first meeting of its twelfth session for the sole purpose of electing its officers, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group established pursuant to paragraph 48 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/33

Monday, 25, to Wednesday, 27 April 2016 Conference Room 2

In accordance with paragraph 48 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/33, the expert group will develop proposals for the strategic plan of the International Arrangement on Forests for the period 2017-2030 and the quadrennial programme of work for the period 2017-2020.

Background information, including the provisional agenda, note by the Secretariat and organization of work are available on the United Nations Forum on Forests website (*click here*). For further information, please contact the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (e-mail unff@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Informal briefings

Monday, 25 April 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 5

In preparation for its 2016 annual session, on (a) Report on the mid-term review of the Strategic Plan, 2014-2017 and annual report of the Executive Director, 2015: performance and results, including a report on the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review; (b) Report on the mid-term review of the UNICEF integrated budget, 2014-2017; and (c) Annual report on the implementation of the Gender Action Plan, 2014-2017.

All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Tuesday, 26 April 2016

11:30 to 13:00 Informal consultations Conference Room 11

On UNDP country programme documents (Mauritius and South Sudan).

All member and observer delegations are invited.

Forthcoming conferences at Headquarters

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Conference of States Parties
Ninth session

Tuesday, 14, to Thursday, 16 June 2016

Pursuant to article 34, paragraph 5 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the necessary *quorum* for the meeting is two-third of the States Parties. As there are *162* States Parties to the Convention, the quorum is *108* States Parties. In order to avoid lack of quorum which may lead to substantial delay or call off of the meeting of the States Parties, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present prior to the meeting.

The *election* to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information).

The *credentials* of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the opening of the session. The credentials may be sent to the Secretariat via e-mail to zhangg@un.org, with the original copy sent to Mr. Guozhong Zhang, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Room S-2905).

States parties that have not yet informed the secretariat of the *accessibility requirements* of delegates are advised to do so immediately, in order to facilitate their participation in meetings.

For *further information* concerning the Conference of States Parties, please contact the secretariat via e-mail (zhangg@un.org and enable@un.org) or visit UN Enable website (www.un.org/disabilities).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Briefing by the Chair of the Open-ended Working Group established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/33 (A/RES/70/33) on taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations

Monday, 25 April 2016

10:00 to 11:30 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Nawin Chirapant, Permanent Mission of Thailand (e-mail nawinchi@gmail.com).

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

Monday, 25 April 2016

10:00 to 14:30 Conference Room A

Informal interactive panel discussion on "Understanding Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants" (co-organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM)), in collaboration with the Global Migration Group (GMG))

Monday, 25 April 2016

10:00 to 13:00 *Conference Room 7*

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Global Migration Group (e-mail gmgchair@unwomen.org); or *click here*.

Event entitled "Atrocity Crimes, Transitional Justice and Healing of Memories" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of South Africa, the Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect and the World Council of Churches)

Tuesday, 26 April 2016

10:00 to 12:00 Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Margaret Agondua, Permanent Mission of South Africa (e-mail agonduam@dirco.gov.za; tel. 1 (212) 692-2486).

Panel discussion on "Health and Environment: Global Partner for Global Solution – 30 Years of Chornobyl Legacy for the Nuclear Safety of the World" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine, in collaboration with the World Information Transfer, Inc.)

Tuesday, 26 April 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 1

All invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Yaroslav Golitsyn, Permanent Mission of Ukraine (e-mail uno_us@mfa.gov.ua; tel. 1 (212) 759-7003).

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) (on the country programme document for South Sudan)

Tuesday, 26 April 2016

10:00 to 11:30 Conference Room 11

All member and observer delegations are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Imelda Katjomuise, UNFPA (e-mail katjomuise@unfpa.org; tel. 1 (212) 297-4927).

Event on "Customary International Law, the United Nations Charter and the Security Council" (organized by Permanent Mission of Poland)

Tuesday, 26 April 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 11

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Wladysław Manteuffel, Permanent Mission of Poland (e-mail wladyslaw.manteuffel@msz.gov.pl; tel. 1 (646) 559-7561).

Event on "Health as the 'Pulse' of the New Urban Agenda" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Ghana, and Norway, the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and the Climate and Clean Air Coalition)

Tuesday, 26 April 2016

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Annemarta S. Mugaas, Permanent Mission of Norway (e-mail annemarta.mugaas@mfa.no).

Special event on "Digital Creativity: Reimagining Culture for Sustainable Development" (on the occasion of the World Intellectual Property Day) (organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia)

Tuesday, 26 April 2016

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Lucinda Longcroft, WIPO New York Office (e-mail newyork.office@wipo.int; tel. 1 (212) 963-6813).

Women's International Forum: Climate Change Challenges and the Paris Agreement (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Tuesday, 26 April 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 7

Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please *click here*.

Briefing on the forthcoming fifteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (9 May-20 May 2016) (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues)

Wednesday, 27 April 2015

10:00 to 12:00 Conference Room 5

The meeting is open to members of permanent missions only. To register, please contact Ms. Nataliia Grushevska, Permanent Forum on Indigenous (e-mail grushevska@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4618).

Meeting on "Protecting Cultural Heritage – An Imperative for Humanity: Acting Together against the Destruction and Trafficking of Cultural Property by Terrorist Groups and Organized Crime" (at the expert level) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Italy and Jordan, INTERPOL, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

Thursday, 28 April 2016

10:00 to 12:30 Conference Room 6

For further information, please contact Mr. Luigi Marini, Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail luigi.marini@esteri.it; tel. 1 (646) 840-5336).

Briefing series on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review of the General Assembly (co-organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

Friday, 29 April 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room S-0310

For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Event on "The Roles of Women in Preventing and Responding to Terrorism and Violent Extremism: Advancing Integrated Approaches" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Lithuania and the Global Center on Cooperative Security)

Friday, 29 April 2016

10:00 to 12:00 Conference Room 6

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Laima Birstunaite, Permanent Mission of Lithuania (e-mail laima.birstunaite@mfa.lt); or Ms. Rafia Bhulai, (e-mail rbhulai@globalcenter.org); or please *click here*.

Panel discussion on "Women of African Descent at the Intersection of Race and Gender" (on the occasion of the International Decade for People of African Descent) (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), in collaboration with the Department of Public Information (DPI) and Black Women's Blueprint, with the support of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women))

Friday, 29 April 2016

11:00 to 12:30 Conference Room 1

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kellie Ognimba, OHCHR New York Office (e-mail ognimba@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5348). To register, please *click here*.

International Criminal Court: Working Group on the Amendments of the Assembly

Tuesday, 3 May 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
Twenty-ninth session
Bangkok, Thailand (25-29 April 2016)

The twenty-ninth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document GEGN/29/1.

For further information on the session, please *click here*.

Members of the Group of Experts, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session and be included in the *list of participants* are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations by means of a note verbale on official letterhead to the Secretary of the Group of Experts, Mr. Kenji Nakano (c/o Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org; Room S-3073; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva (9-13 May 2016)

In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2015/246 of 22 July 2015, the nineteenth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development will be held from Monday, 9, to Friday, 13, May 2016 in Conference Room XVIII, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

The annotated provisional agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/CN.16/2016/1.

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to Mr. Angel Gonzalez-Sans, Chief, Science, Technology and ICT Branch (e-mail angel.gonzalez-sanz@unctad.org; tel. 011-41-22-917-5508; fax 01141-22-917-0052), and Ms. Dong Wu, Chief, Science and Technology Section, UNCTAD (e-mail dong.wu@unctad.org; tel. 011-41-22-917-4171; fax 01141-22-917-0052).

In preparation for the session, delegations are invited to review the documentation and other background information by *clicking here*.

Inquiries on the nineteenth session of the Commission can also be directed to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (e-mail gustafik@un.org).

Announcements

World Humanitarian Summit
Istanbul, Turkey (23-24 May 2016)

The Secretary-General will convene the first World Humanitarian Summit from Monday, 23 to Tuesday, 24 May 2016, in Istanbul, Turkey. For more information on the Summit, please *click here*. Representatives of Member States and Observers of the General Assembly wishing to inscribe in the list of speakers for the plenary session entitled "Member States and other Stakeholders' Announcement Plenary" are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082; with copy to muturi@un.org). Statements in the Announcement Plenary should not exceed *three minutes*.

Reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful if Member States could communicate to the Office, in hard copy and electronic version (Word format), the relevant data and information, pursuant to the General Assembly resolutions indicated below, by *Friday, 29 April 2016*, so as to facilitate issuance of the reports in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its seventy-first session. Provision of the submission in Microsoft Word format *is required*. Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Jenny Fuchs (e-mail fuchs@un.org).

Resolution 70/32, paras. 6 and 7, entitled "Relationship between disarmament and development", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/19-2016/D&D dated 8 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/44, para. 3, entitled "Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/15-2016/CAC dated 8 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/46, para. 16, entitled "Countering the threat posed by improvised explosive devices", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/20-2016/IED dated 8 February 2016 refers); and

Resolution 69/57, paras. 2 and 8, entitled "Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium", adopted on 2 December 2014 (Note verbale ODA/16-2016/AADU dated 8 February 2016 refers).

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would also be grateful to receive, on-line (please *click here*), by *Friday, 29 April 2016*, the information relevant to Resolution 70/21, paras. 1 and 8, entitled "Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/17-2017/OIMM dated 8 February 2016 refers).

International Law Seminar for African Universities — Call for applications
(15-26 August 2016)

The first International Law Seminar for African Universities is scheduled to take place at the Kofi Annan Centre in Accra, Ghana, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of teachers from academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region.

The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the host country, Ghana, the Kofi Annan Centre, the African Union and the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/116.

The deadline for submitting applications is *Friday, 29 April 2016*. Information concerning the seminar and the application process is available on the website of the African Institute of International Law. The seminar is subject to funding by voluntary contributions.

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For more information, please see the website of the African Institute of International Law (*click here*); or contact the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2016:

Nineteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (21 June 2016): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fifth meeting of States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (23 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information); and

Sixteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (30 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2017 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should only be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; Room S-2905)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn. Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room DC1-213)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *April 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations documents

Security Council documentation

Finding speeches

Law Library overview

General Assembly documentation

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

In order to provide timely access, the report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been made available electronically, in an advance unedited version, and can be accessed by *clicking here*.

The report will be issued as an official document in due course, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's own report, which will be based on the Panel's important findings.

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement) covers the years 2008 to 2009.

For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) are available in their advance versions on line by *clicking here*.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 20 April 2016

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up

[archived video]

6th meeting

Financing for sustainable development: follow-up to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development: round tables and panel discussions [item 2 (c)]

The forum continued its consideration of the sub-item.

Round table F: "Data, monitoring and follow-up"

The round table was chaired by His Excellency André Vallini, Minister of State for Development and Francophonie of France, who made an opening statement.

The Moderator of the round table, Mr. Lenni Montiel, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, also made a statement.

Presentations were made by the following panellists: Mr. Robert York, Division Chief, Financial Institution, Statistics Department, International Monetary Fund; and Mr. John James Pullinger, National Statistician, United Kingdom (via video-link).

A statement was made by the lead discussant, Mr. Stefano Prato, Managing Director, Society for International Development.

In the ensuing interactive discussion, moderated by the Chair, the panellists and lead discussants responded to the comment made by the representative of Canada.

The representatives of the following entities from the business sector made comments and posed questions: Foundation Center; KPMG International; and Global Clearinghouse for Development Finance.

The representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council also made statements: Development Initiatives; and Centre for Human Rights and Climate Change Research (also on behalf of the CSO Group on Financing for Development (FfD) and the Women Working Group on FfD).

Adoption of the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations [item 3]

The forum began its consideration of the item.

A statement was made by the co-facilitator of the draft intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations, His Excellency Vladimir Drobnjak (Croatia).

A statement was made by the President of the Council.

The forum adopted the draft intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations, as contained in an informal paper circulated, in English only.

Statements were made by the representatives of Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the European Union.

The forum thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Financing for sustainable development: follow-up to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development [item 2]

(b) General debate

The forum resumed its general debate and heard the statements by His Excellency André Vallini, Minister of State for Development and Francophonie of France; His Excellency Igor Lukšić, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Montenegro; His Excellency Paul Oquist Kelley, Minister and Private Secretary for National Policies of Nicaragua; The Honourable Advocate Ngoako Ramatlhodi, Minister for Public Service and Administration of South Africa; Her Excellency Maria Teresa Gonçalves Ribeiro, Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Portugal; His Excellency Jesús Gracia Aldaz, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Spain; His Excellency Yasser Sobhi, Deputy Minister of Finance of Egypt; His Excellency Mohamed Ahmed Shide, State Minister for the Ministry of Finance and Economic Cooperation of Ethiopia; His Excellency Degol Mendes, Secretary of State,

Economy, Planning and Regional Integration of Guinea-Bissau; Her Excellency Rhonda King, Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (on behalf of the Caribbean Community); His Excellency Omer Dahab Fadl, Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations; Mr. Neil Briscoe, Head of the Global Partnerships Department, United Kingdom Department for International Development; Mr. Ahmed bin Mohammed Al-Muraikhi, Director of the International Development Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Qatar; His Excellency Courtenay Rattray, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations; Ms. Marcia Colquhoun, Deputy Head of the Agenda 2030 Task Force, Global Affairs Canada; Mr. Michael Gerber, Special Envoy for Global Sustainable Development, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland; His Excellency George Wilfred Talbot, Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations; Ms. Nwe Nwe Win, Director General of the Ministry of Planning and Finance of Myanmar; Ms. Stephanie Amadeo, United States Deputy Representative to the Economic and Social Council; Ms. Claudia Aguilar, Special Envoy and Adviser to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of El Salvador; Her Excellency Caitlin Wilson, Deputy Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations (also on behalf of Mexico, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea and Turkey); Mr. Young-ju Oh, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations; Ms. Larisa Miculet, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations; Mr. Sergey Kononuchenko, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations; Ms. Maria Eugenia del Castillo, Counsellor, Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States).

The representatives of China and Cuba made statements.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the United Nations Children's Fund.

A statement was made by the representative of the Global Clearinghouse for Development Finance, representing the business sector.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Centre for Human Rights and Climate Research, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Council.

The forum thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 2 (b) and agenda item 2 as a whole.

Adoption of the report [item 4]

The forum began its consideration of the item.

Following a statement by the President of the Council, the forum approved its draft report, as contained in document E/FFDF/2016/L.1, and entrusted the President with finalizing the report to reflect all the proceedings of the forum for submission to the Economic and Social Council.

The forum thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Conclusion of the session

The President of the Council (Republic of Korea) made concluding remarks and declared closed the inaugural session of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up for 2016.

Thursday, 21 April 2016

General Assembly

Thirtieth special session

Special session on the World Drug Problem

[archived video]

5th plenary meeting

General debate [item 7] *(continued)*

The General Assembly heard addresses by His Excellency Ollanta Humala Tasso, President of the Republic of Peru; His Excellency Evo Morales Ayma, President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia; and His Excellency Juan Manuel Santos Calderón, President of the Republic of Colombia.

Statements were made by His Excellency Georgios Pamboridis, Minister of Health of Cyprus; His Excellency Tayeb Louh, Minister of Justice of Algeria; His Excellency Heraldo Muñoz, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile; Ms. Jigmeddash Bayartsetseg, State Secretary of the Ministry of Justice of Mongolia; the Chairs of the Delegations of Nicaragua, Finland, Bangladesh, the United Republic of Tanzania, Monaco, Slovenia, Libya, Jordan, El Salvador, the Sudan and Slovakia; His Excellency Camillo Gonsalves, Minister of Economic Planning, Sustainable Development and Labour of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; and the Chair of the Delegation of Maldives.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 53/216 of 23 March 1998, the observer of the World Customs Organization made a statement.

6th plenary meeting

General debate [item 7] *(continued)*

Statements were made by His Excellency Kamal Thapa, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal; His Excellency Alexander Khloponin, Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation; His Excellency Kristjan Thor Juliusson, Minister of Health of Iceland; His Excellency Dr. Myint Htwe, Union Minister for Health of Myanmar; the Chairs of the Delegations of Armenia (on behalf of the Collective Security Treaty Organization) and the United Arab Emirates; Dato' Hamdan Abu Bakar, Deputy Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister of Brunei Darussalam; the Chair of the Delegation of Romania; Her Excellency Delcy Eloine Rodriguez Gomez, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; the Chairs of the Delegations of Honduras, Qatar and Namibia; His Excellency Alpha Barry, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Burkina Faso; and the Chairs of the Delegations of Ecuador, Egypt and Benin.

The Chair of the Delegation of the Observer State of the Holy See made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/78 of 6 December 2007, the observer for the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/2 of 13 October 1993, the observer for the Economic Cooperation Organization made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/1 of 15 October 1996, the observer for the International Criminal Police Organization made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 59/50 of 2 December 2004, the observer for the Collective Security Treaty Organization made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 253 of the third session of 16 October 1948, the observer for the Organization of American States made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/181 of 17 December 2015, statements were made by representatives of civil society of the Hospices and Palliative Care Association of Kenya, Forut-Campaign for Solidarity and Development of Norway, HIV/AIDS Alliance of India, and Drug Foundation of New Zealand, a youth representative of civil society from the United Arab Emirates, and a representative of civil society Pro Coalition Association of Brazil.

Report of the Credentials Committee (A/S-30/5) [item 3 (b)]

The Chair of the Credentials Committee made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credential Committee in paragraph 14 of its report (A/S-30/5) (resolution S-30/2).

Closure of the session

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/181 of 17 December 2015, summaries of salient points raised during the round tables were presented by His Excellency Pedro Moitinho de Almeida (Portugal), Co-Chair of roundtable I; Her Excellency Carmen Maria Gallardo Hernandez (El Salvador), Co-Chair of roundtable II; His Excellency Pascal Strupler (Switzerland), Co-Chair of roundtable III; His Excellency Khaled Shamaa (Egypt), Co-Chair of roundtable IV; and His Excellency Reza Najafi (the Islamic Republic of Iran), Co-Chair of roundtable V.

The President made a statement.

Minute of silent prayer or meditation [item 2]

The General Assembly observed one minute of silent prayer or meditation.

The President declared closed the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem.

Economic and Social Council

Committee for Programme and Coordination
Fifty-sixth session

Organizational session

1st meeting

Opening of the session

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the fifty-fifth session of the Committee, the Secretary of the Committee opened the organizational session and presided over the election of the Bureau.

Election of officers [item 1]

In the absence of nominations for the post of Chair of the Committee from among the members of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, the Committee decided to postpone the election of this officer to its substantive session beginning on 31 May 2016.

The Committee then proceeded with the election of the Vice-Chairs of the Committee.

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Mohanad Ali Omran Al-Musawi (Iraq) as Vice-Chair and Mr. Aleg Yermalovich (Belarus) as Rapporteur of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for the fifty-sixth session.

In the absence of nominations for the remaining posts of Vice-Chairs of the Committee from the Group of African States and the Group of Western European and Other States, the Committee also decided to postpone the election of these officers to its substantive session beginning on 31 May 2016.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work [item 2]

In the absence of a Chair of the Committee, the newly elected Vice-Chair (Iraq) presided over the remaining items of the organizational session of the fifty-sixth session.

Annotated provisional agenda

Statements were made by the representatives of France, the United Republic of Tanzania, Cuba, Italy, the United Kingdom, China, Brazil and Cameroon.

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session (E/AC.51/2016/1).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania and Belarus.

Status of preparedness of documentation and report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit

The Committee had before it a document on the status of preparedness of documentation (E/AC.51/2016/L.1/Rev.1) and a note by the Secretariat on the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/AC.51/2016/L.2).

Organization of work

The Committee also had before it a preliminary draft programme of work for its fifty-sixth session prepared by the secretariat and subject to review by the Bureau.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

Other matters

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The organizational session of the fifty-sixth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination was declared closed.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Cocoa Agreement, 2010. Geneva, 25 June 2010

Signature: Papua New Guinea (21 April 2016)

Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Nagoya, 29 October 2010

Ratification: Germany (21 April 2016)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *April 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
Uganda
His Excellency Richard Nduhuura

Asia-Pacific States
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
His Excellency Gholamali Khoshroo

Eastern European States
Belarus
His Excellency Andrei Dapkiunas

Latin American and Caribbean States
Argentina
His Excellency Martín García Moritán

Western European and other States
Malta
His Excellency Christopher Grima

General Assembly
Seventieth session

For the online schedule of informal and formal meetings of the General Assembly for the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

For the *list of speakers*, delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

For *PaperSmart Services*, delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

For *announcement for Member States on issuance of communications*, delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations.

The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

For *future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council* pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, the election for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place *in the afternoon* on Tuesday, 14 June 2016. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council will take place on Tuesday, 28 June 2016.

The *election of the President* of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as well as the *election of the Vice-Presidents and Chairs of the Main Committees* at its seventy-first session will take place on Monday, 13 June 2016.

Candiweb – A website dedicated to elections and candidatures at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to access it, please *click here*.

Seventy-first session

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/71/50.

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For nameplates, podium signs and room set-up, please contact the Preparatory Work Team/DGACM (e-mail prepwork@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7348);

For PaperSmart Portal matters, please contact the PaperSmart Team/DGACM (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7349);

For publishing material for inclusion in the *Journal*, please contact the Journal Unit/DGACM (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888; or 1 (212) 963-0493);

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For webcasting and UN Web TV, please contact Mr. Andreas Damianou/DPI (e-mail damianou@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6733);

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The reservation of the General Assembly Hall is now managed by the Meeting Management Section, Central Planning and Coordination Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. Requests for the use of the General Assembly Hall should be addressed to Mr. Xuesong Ma, Director, Central Planning and Coordination Division (e-mail max@un.org; Room S-1232).

Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

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Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

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The *website of the Presidency* of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

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